

DEMOCRATS URGED TO TAKE WARNING

A "Mysterious" Letter Causes Consternation to Spread in Democratic Camp.

The communication in last week's News, signed "Progressive Democrat," with reference to the local political situation, not only rung the bell's eye, but put in several center shots. The preponderance of sentiment in this county is unquestionably for a progressive candidate, such as Wilson and Clark; and against a reactionary candidate, such as Underwood and Harmon; and if the majority of the democrats in this county are in favor of a "Progressive" it is imperative that they send to Norfolk a carefully tabbed delegation with ironclad instructions NOT to support either Harmon or Underwood, even if it should be deemed unwise to instruct for a particular candidate. Why imperative? Read carefully the following paragraph and the whyfore will appear:

A prominent democrat who lives in the town of Tazewell, and who has been officially identified with the party, (and who at one time was known to favor Judson Harmon, but is now in favor of a progressive candidate)—this gentleman sometime ago received a confidential letter, from a source that he very properly refuses to divulge, urging him to do all that he could to prevent instruction in this county, and asking if money might be used to insure the desired result. This is not rumor, but a fact, and your correspondent is not betraying a confidence in making public this effort at bribery and corruption. However, in justice to the gentleman who received the letter in question, it is but fair to say that he inadvertently let drop this significant and revealing bit of information.

The source is not revealed and the bulk of what that letter contained, (it is said to be a very ingenious letter, suggesting "a cherub's face, and reptile all the rest") the gentleman has failed to disclose; but no matter where it originated, there is poison at the source; it discloses the menacing fact that there is in this State a corruption fund that is being used, whenever it is possible to bribe and muzzle, to further a sinister, night-mauking scheme to defeat the popular will, and barter our delegated vote to the disgrace and humiliation of our people. It is an affront to the honor and independence of our manhood that should be clutched by the neck and choked into the dust. It is a political pestilence that walketh in darkness; and while only the outline of this half-veiled scheme is apparent, yet there is not a democrat in Tazewell—unless there be one who draws his mental stimulus from a diet of "curdled ass's milk"—who does not know that when the trap is sprung it will reveal Progressive Democracy betrayed, both Clark and Wilson left in the lurch, and the vote of the State handed to the Boss by a lot of half-drunk delegates who left home with instructions to do as they pleased.

Are the democrats of Tazewell going to stand for this kind of politics? Are they willing that a shrewd and designing minority of wire-pullers and tricksters should be handed the reins at Norfolk to drive roughshod over public opinion? Are they willing that a gang of corruptionists who have no political convictions of their own—henchmen and sop-lickers who take their orders from the Boss, who in turn takes his from a power higher up, figuratively speaking—are they willing that this set shall be given the opportunity to misrepresent Tazewell county at the National Convention?

The offer of corruption boodle is evidence of intended fraud. The cloven hoof has shown itself in Lynchburg, Dickenson county, and elsewhere. Let the Democrats of Tazewell take warning and refuse to walk into the trap so adroitly set and concealed. The only way of escape is to instruct our delegates NOT to support Underwood or Harmon.

Allen Faces Chair.

Floyd Allen is facing the electric chair. His trial is in progress at Wytheville, and will not be concluded, it is said, until some time next week. Evidence for the defense is being heard now. He is being tried on a charge of conspiracy to murder the county officers and of the murder of W M Foster, the Commonwealth's Attorney. If both or either of these charges are proven, Floyd Allen will go to the electric chair.

The most proficient Minstrel Band in the world will appear here soon, with A. G. Allen's Big Minstrel Show. More than two-thirds of the members of the band have been playing together day after day for more than fifteen years.

Pounding Mill

Pounding Mill, May 7.—Mrs. C. H. Trayer went to Cedar Bluff Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Wamsley, of Maxwell, was a visitor here Friday afternoon.

Miss Hazel Wynn, of Baptist Valley, spent one night last week at W. G. Steele's on her way from Richlands, where she attended school the past session.

Rev. Robert Pruett has returned from Florida, where he spent several months in the Gospel work. He will preach at the Church of God tonight.

G. A. Riley and daughter, Mabel, spent from Thursday to Monday visiting his father, B. F. Riley in Horsepen Cove.

Mrs. Mary Jane Oney and daughter, Miss Dora, of Williamson, are spending sometime here with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Christian.

Mrs. H. W. Christian and daughter, Mrs. John Pruett, were at Tazewell Friday interviewing the milliners.

Mrs. Wm. Lovell and Miss Ocie Lovell were at Richlands Wednesday.

Rats are playing havoc with young chicks, catching from fifteen to twenty at a home some nights.

Mrs. Jennie Higginbotham is visiting her nieces, Misses Jennie and Cora Lovell.

Mrs. Arthur Kerr spent yesterday visiting her brother, Dr. W. R. Williams at Richlands.

Mrs. Susan Ringstaff, who has been very sick for several days, is better.

Mr. David Cable, who has been desperately ill of blood poisoning from a sore on his leg, is reported better.

A. J. Myers, of Hollins, who has been visiting here for sometime, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Eli Robinett on Mud Fork.

Mrs. Wm. and Miss Ocie Lovell are visiting relatives in Bluefield and Northfork.

Miss Margaret Williams is home from the Richlands High School.

J. C. Moore, of Graham, was shaking hands here Sunday afternoon with old friends.

A. J. Cruce, the acetylene man, of Cedar Bluff, was here the first of the week. He will put a plant in J. Marion McGuire's residence at that place this week.

Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, who has been sick the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robinett, has returned to her home on the Branch.

John Dykes was killed on Joe Barnes' farm in the Cove Friday morning about 10 o'clock, while cutting down a tree. His back was broken. He formerly lived here in the Gillespie boundary, and moved to the Cove two years ago. He was a good worker, an honest and quiet man. He leaves a wife and five children. Deceased was about 52 years old, and his death is mourned here by many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mulkey, of Graham, visited her mother, Mrs. Susan Ringstaff Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Robinett was sick last week, as was also his baby. He returned to the N. and W. Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Collins—a fine boy.

Walter Thomas has returned to his position as bookkeeper in Maryland.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie spent Wednesday at Richlands.

Mrs. G. R. Thomas visited her niece at Richlands Friday.

Mr. Alex Altizer visited his daughter, Mrs. Alex Beavers, at Coalidan Sunday night.

Miss Mayme Wynn and Mrs. Carbaugh, both of Baptist Valley, were here Sunday on their way to Bluefield to spend a few days with friends.

R. M. Sparks will go to Newport News Sunday to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows.

J. T. Atizer will go to Alexandria at the same time, as the representative of the Red Men here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas England returned to Whitewood Friday after spending a few days visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Thomas.

W. R. Sparks spent Saturday night and Sunday in Bluefield.

John Gillespie is taking a vacation by getting out telephone poles this week.

"Aunt Evelyn" Roberts, the Indian woman, returned Sunday, after a few weeks visit to friends in Bluefield.

Cove Creek

Cove Creek, May 7.—Mrs. Agnes Compton spent Sunday with Mrs. Eliza Robinett.

R. B. Robinett, who has been sick, is some better.

Mrs. Laura Higginbotham and Miss Mary Stevenson spent Thursday at C. P. Compton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele spent Sunday at J. H. Crabtree's.

Miss Annie Brown, of Burke's Garden, is visiting relatives on Clear Fork.

Mrs. Sallie Shannon, who has been sick, is able to go around in her room.

Everything new this year—A G Allen's Big Minstrel Show

STAY AT HOME, OR COP WILL GET YOU

Town Ordinance Against Being Out Late In Force After Sleeping Many Years.

"All persons are prohibited from being on the streets and alleys of the Town of Tazewell after 10 o'clock at night. Any one violating this order, without reasonable excuse therefor, will be arrested by the Sargeant, brought before the Mayor and fined."

The above ordinance is now in force in this town, and will be strictly executed by the Sargeant. The object of this ordinance, which is a very old one, passed soon after the war, was originally to prevent negroes as well as others, from congregating on the streets during those troublous and uncertain times. The Ordinance, while in force continuously, never having been repealed, was unearthed some time ago, and the Town Council declined to repeal it and unanimously ordered its enforcement.

There is nothing wrong with this prohibition. Anyone found on the streets after 10 o'clock at night, "without a reasonable excuse therefor," will be required to explain matters to the Mayor. Of course, the Sargeant will exercise due judgment and discrimination. No one with "a reasonable excuse," such as public meetings, entertainments, sickness or any emergencies, will be molested. But young boys, and old ones, too, who are in the habit of lying and loafing around, perhaps in private rooms, drinking or gambling or both, until late at night or early in the morning hours, will find that at last a means has been found which will prove effectual where moral suasion and milder remedies have failed. Keep "a skinned eye" for the Sargeant, and "the Woman in Black."

OBSERVATIONS

(Editorial.)

Roosevelt and Taft have so clearly and forcibly shown up the corruption of the Republican party that little will be left for the Democrats to do during the campaign but to repeat the speeches of these two distinguished representatives.

Never before, in the history of this or any other great, or even near great country, has the like been seen of the President and his successor, going about the country, vilifying each other, calling each other liars, hypocrites and such other things. It is a shame and a disgrace. The compensation is, that when thieves quarrel, honest men may get their dues.

The New York World says: "A party that has men like Underwood, Wilson, Harman, Foss and Gaylor, cannot afford to take up Champ Clark unless it desires to continue the Republican party in power." It is a fact worthy of consideration, in view of the above, that the Hearst papers are all for Clark, and when Hearst is this way the World is that way. The New York Times is enthusiastic for Clark.

Steelsburg

Steelsburg, May 7.—There will be preaching Sunday at 11 a. m., by Rev. Linkous, of Indian.

Mrs. William Gose and two children, of Abington, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McGraw last week, and left Sunday for Belfast, where she will visit relatives.

Jim Gose, of Belfast, was in the community Sunday.

G. B. Clark was visiting relatives at Sword's Creek last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lester and son, Rex, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths.

Mrs. John Brown is visiting her relatives at Honaker, this week.

Miss Effa, the pretty sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Witten, eloped with Mr. Clarence Stephenson, of Richlands to Bristol last Friday night and were married by Rev. H. W. Leslie. They were accompanied by Peery Doughton, of Richlands. They returned to Richlands Sunday, where they will make their future home. The congratulations of the community is extended them.

Mr Werth as Delegate

Wm. H. Werth, the well known Tazewell lawyer, is a candidate for election as a delegate from the Ninth District to the National Convention at Baltimore. The district is entitled to two delegates, we believe, one of whom, it is thought, will be R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap. It is expected that Mr. Werth will be one of the 13 delegates from Tazewell to the State Convention, in Norfolk.

The County convention here, next Tuesday, should endorse Mr. Werth's election by the Norfolk Convention, as a delegate to Baltimore.

Mr Wagner Appointed

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors held Monday afternoon in the Court House, C. A. Wagner, Supervisor in Clear Fork District, resigned and was appointed Superintendent of roads in the county. Mr. Wagner's appointment was approved by the State Highway Commission, Mr. Wilson himself being present. Mr. Wagner will receive \$200 a month and will open an office in Tazewell, where an itemized account of expenditure of the bond money will be kept. Mr. Wagner will have supervision of all the roads in the county, and will spend much of his time in inspecting the work.

A successor to Mr. Wagner has not yet been named, but several gentlemen in the east end have been spoken of for the place.

It was agreed by the Supervisors that if bids could be gotten that were in reason, for construction of certain sections of road, that they be accepted, in order that the road work could be pushed. The work so far in the county has progressed very satisfactorily, but with the limited number of plants in the county, progress is very slow.

Falls Mills

Falls Mills, May 7.—Rev. Samuel Moss, of Christiansburg, will preach here Saturday night, May 18th, also Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night. Everybody are invited to come out and hear him.

Postmaster A. W. Tabor started Sunday for Dalton, Ga., to attend the soldiers' reunion. Everybody wishes him a pleasant trip.

D. D. Baker gave a candy stew Saturday evening in honor of his Sunday School class. Those present were: Jaunita Fields, Thelma Buckland, Mary Harry, Jennie Baker, Lizzie and Daisy Tabor. A nice time was reported.

Miss Margaret Hearford, who has been at the Bluefield sanatorium for treatment for sometime, returned to her home Saturday, feeling very much improved.

Mrs. Eli Jones, of Gary, returned to her home Sunday after spending a few days with homefolks here.

Luther Fink and wife, of Portsmouth, Ohio, are visiting homefolks here.

Misses Fannie Baker and Edna Tabor were shopping in Pocahontas Saturday.

Walton Thomason, of Bluefield, was calling on special friends here Sunday and Monday.

J. Clinton Tabor was calling at the home of D. D. Baker Sunday.

Walter and Willie Harry were calling on friends in Graham Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Knobe, of Wilcox, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Kirner.

Little Pearl Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horton Jones, has been sick for several days.

Jim Tabor, of Newburn, is spending a few days at this place.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Perdue was the scene of a beautiful home wedding last Wednesday when their daughter, Miss Florence, became the bride of Oscar Absher. Only a few intimate friends were present. After the wedding the happy couple left for the groom's home on Bluestone, where a delicious supper was served. All wish Mr. and Mrs. Absher much joy and happiness in their future life.

Peery' Good Work.

Sunday's Roanoke Times:

Roanoke College won the first of two games with Marshall College yesterday afternoon on the college diamond in Salem—4 to 2. The visitors from Huntington, W. Va., were unable to hit Peery, who was in fine form and held his opponents to four hits. He received ragged support but won his game because of his own box work and timely hitting by Roanoke in the second and third innings.

Rocky Gap

Rocky Gap, May 6.—Mrs. Emma Carpenter, of Round Bottom, was visiting her father, Ed. Davis, and looking after her farm on Clear Fork Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Philpott and two daughters, of Williamson, spent Saturday to Monday with her aunt, Mrs. Maggie Thompson.

Ben Johnson, of Narrows, was a business visitor to the valley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mastin Christian spent Sunday at the home of H. G. Thompson.

Little Miss Eunice Ashworth is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stimson.

Fayette Shradar was visiting his father on Wolf Creek Sunday.

The next quarterly meeting for this circuit will be held at Honaker chapel next Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Rose Stimson is home again after spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Davis in Graham.

Miss Anett Christian, who has been ill, is reported as greatly improved

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I have just received a solid car load of these wagons and will be glad to show them to you any time you are in town. No matter when—just any time it suits you.

A. B. White, Agent, Tazewell, Va.

For Sale.

Pursuant to a deed of trust given by J. L. Hayton, on the 1st day of November, 1911, who conveyed to the under signed trustee, his stock of jewelry, clocks, watches, toilet articles, iron safe, one large jeweler's clock, and many other articles mentioned in said deed of trust, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Tazewell County, Virginia, and was given by the said J. L. Hayton to secure the payment of the sum of \$182.60 due C. B. Neel and J. M. Wilson, with interest thereon until paid, and,

Whereas, the time having expired for the payment of the said sum of \$182.60, with interest thereon, and being required by the said C. B. Neel and J. M. Wilson to sell the stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, toilet articles, the iron safe, and the large jeweler's clock, I will on the 15th day of May, 1912, beginning at 11 a. m., at the store of the said J. L. Hayton, in the Town of Richlands, Tazewell county, Virginia, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand the stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, iron safe, 1 large jeweler's clock, or enough thereof to satisfy the said sum of \$182.60, with interest thereon, and the Trustee's cost in executing said deed of trust.

This is a rare opportunity for any one wanting anything in this line. This May 4th, 1912.

C. B. ORR, Trustee.



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Jno. E. Jackson

Druggist, Tazewell, Va.

A. G. Allen's Big Minstrel Show gave a performance at the corners of 15th and Ringo streets last night to a crowd that filled the large pavilion theatre to its utmost capacity. The whole performance was clean and free from any objectionable features. The stage setting was very pretty, being tastily arranged and the entire back of the stage masked in by two large United States flags. The singing and dancing was far above the average. The performance was brought to a close by a rip-roaring negro farce, which brought forth a storm of applause and sent everybody home laughing. The Allen minstrels have never disappointed an audience. —Gazebo, Little Rock, Ark.

Howery-Mays

Miss Una R. Mays and James W. Howery were married Wednesday, May 1st, at the Tazewell circuit parsonage. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. J. R. King, pastor of the bride and witnessed by a few relatives and intimate friends. The bride is the daughter of W. D. Mays, of Berwind, a native of Indiana, and was educated in West Virginia. She has been staying with her uncle, B. R. Mays near Pisgah for the past five years, and is well known in that community, and universally liked by all with whom she has come in contact. Mr. Howery is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Howery, of Pisgah, and a very bright young man. After the ceremony the young people went to Mr. Howery's, where an elegant dinner awaited them, at which some fifty or sixty guests were seated. Those who witnessed the ceremony were Miss Annie Howery, sister of the groom; John Howery, of McComas, and Sherman Peery. Mr. and Mrs. Howery will go to housekeeping at McComas, where Mr. Howery holds a responsible position with the Thomas Coal Company.

Must Grow More Hay.

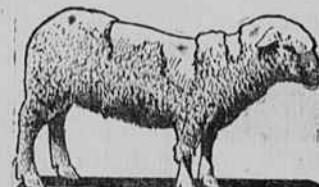
John C. St. Clair says that the farmers of the county must grow more feed, and that cow peas should be tried. Last year gave the farmers an object lesson. The meadows cannot be relied upon exclusively. A drought at the right time works havoc in this county with the feed supply. Hay has been as high as \$40 per ton, or right around that figure. No hay is richer, properly cured, than cow pea hay, or yields a heavier acreage. In many sections the most successful farmers depend almost entirely upon soy beans and cow peas for their hay. Both are easily grown, may be sown together broad cast or drilled in rows, any time in May or June. Besides their value as a hay crop, they are wonderful soil improvers, and it is a fact that much of Tazewell soil needs building up, and nothing will do this better or as quickly than cow peas. Mr. St. Clair and others should try a small patch this season. The Editor has a nice little plot sown to peas and soy beans last Friday, out on his "Experiment Farm" just to try them. Sowed two thirds peas and one third soy beans, broadcast. They are coming up, and will show what they will do in this locality.

Thanks!

Lexington, Va., May 6. Editor News:—Enclosed please find my check for \$2 to pay my subscription to your paper up to August 1913. I regret very much to learn that you have lost your fine mare, and thought perhaps you might want to use the money to buy an automobile. Our county is looking very prosperous. Wheat, fruit and grass bid fair to be a fine crop. I think that any of your farmers would do well to come here and buy a good farm, as farms are selling at very reasonable prices and some are very cheap. Most respectfully yours,

A. L. STEELE.

We thank Mr. Steele and others for remittances just at this time, when we need all that is due us, and then some, but not to buy an automobile, yet a while.



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Hawkins Pharmacy TAZEWELL, VA.

Local News.

Sayers Harman and Harry Thompson have completed the years work at Washington and Lee, and have returned home.

Mrs. E. E. Wiley and son, Ned, left Wednesday for Chattanooga, where Mrs. Wiley will attend a missionary meeting.

Timothy Patton, representing a large life insurance company, is here this week, visiting his parents.

A G Allen's Big Minstrel Show—those who have seen it are its biggest boosters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hager, of Thompson Valley, passed through town yesterday enroute to a visit to Graham.

A soft answer turneth away wrath, and a good laugh aids digestion—See A G Allen's Minstrels.

Misses Grace and May Buchanan, of Thompson Valley, were here yesterday shopping.

If you can't sleep you need a good laugh—See A G Allen's Minstrels and get the laugh, after that the sleep will come natural.

Miss Nellie Lynch, who has been teaching in the family of John B. Adams, in North Carolina, returned to her home in the county this week.

Albert Buchanan, of Rich Valley, was visiting his grand-mother in Thompson Valley this week.